for grant of licence for manufacture of FAX machines in the new electronic city at Goa;

(b) whether any assurance was given by Government for the said licence to augment the rent in view of the new State; and

(c) if so, what is the present position of this matter and by when it would be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) A decision is likely to be taken soon.

**Research by the NCL, Pune to control Mosquitos menace**

1687. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Research made by the National Chemical Laboratory, Pune for control of Mosquitos lorbicide in the country under various assistance programme; and whether such research technology has been commercially transferred with details;

(b) whether National Chemical Laboratory, Pune and any other laboratory has developed indigenous technology, on turnkey basis, for manufacturing of ABATE technical, a Board controlled Mosquitos Lasnicide; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether technical ABATE is being produced in the country for its presently being imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The National Chemical Laboratory, Pune has under a UNDP assisted programme developed controlled release formulation of ABATE Mosquito Larvicide. Resarch results would be commercially applicable only after the afficacy and safety of the formulations developed has been established.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) As per available information, technical ABATE is presently being imported.

**Foreign Collaboration in Space Programme**

1688. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposals under Government"s cosideration to seek foreign collaboration in space research; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether there is any assistance in the offing in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) India has already signed a number of agreemen's of foreign collaboration in Space Research with several countries. The details of these collaborative agreements are given in the Department of Space's Annual Report 1988-89 and Performance Budget 1989-90, copies of which are already available in the Parliament Library. The following collaborative agreements have been signed during 1988-89;

(i) Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of Soviet Socialist Republics on long term cooperation in the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes.

(ii) Agreement between Government of India and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of Scientific and Technical cooperation in the field of meteorological and upper atmospheric research using space techniques.